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SUBJECT: RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA: TREATMENT IN USSR FOR
MELISSA AND CHRISTOPHER DISTEFANO

1. MRS. PATRICIA DISTEFANO OF CHICAGO HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT/EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TREATMENT AT THE HELMHOLTZ INSTITUTE FOR HER CHILDREN, MELISSA AND CHRISTOPHER DISTEFANO, WHO SUFFER FROM RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA.

2. MRS. DISTEFANO FIRST LEARNED OF HELMHOLTZ TREATMENT IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ABOUT ENGLISH CHILD, FIONA CUMMINGS, WHO HAS BEEN TREATED AT HELMHOLTZ. SHE HAS OBTAINED FURTHER INFORMATION RE TREATMENT AND MEDICAL RECORDS REQUIRED BY MOH FROM MRS. CUMMINGS VIA PHONE CALLS TO UK AND FROM DR. ROBERT FISCHER, DHEW.

3. CHILDREN'S MEDICAL RECORDS AND LETTER TO DR. KATZNELSON OF HELMHOLTZ REQUESTING TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN IN JULY OR SEPTEMBER 1978 BEING POUCHED REGISTRY NO. 1909174. DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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MENT WOULD APPRECIATE SCI OFFICE DELIVERING MATERIAL TO MOH AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN DELIVERY HAS BEEN MADE.

4. DEPARTMENT THANKS EMBASSY ONCE AGAIN FOR ITS PROMPT AND CONTINUED ATTENTION TO RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA CASES.
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